

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/664,043
Attorney Docket No. Q75668

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that the Examiner has not provided initialed copies of the PTO/SB/08 A & B forms submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 7, 2004 and January 25, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to attach copies of the initialed PTO/SB/08 A & B forms to the next Office communication.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the indication that claims 7, 14 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has now been amended to include all of the elements of claim 7, and claim 8 has been amended to include all of the elements of claims 15-17. Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of pending claim 8. Claims 7 and 15-17 are subsequently canceled. Thus, claims 1-6, 8-14 and 18-20 are now pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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